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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/079,809	Applicant(s) GERBER ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on July 21, 2005 has been entered. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-10 are still pending in this application, with claims 1 and 4 being independent

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shastry et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,511,116).

Regarding claim 1, Shastry et al. teach a method for implementation of requirements of telecommunications subscribers for services provided by a communications network, comprising:

abstracting and classifying the requirements into a corresponding number of classes (column 15, line 50 through column 16, line 5);

subdividing the individual classes into at least one subclass (column 17, lines 20-33); and

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uniquely associating a subclass with at least one technical functional unit configured for coupling to one another in a corresponding manner (column 17, lines 1-19).

Regarding claim 2, Shastry et al. further teach the method comprising: executing at least one test run of the at least one technical functional unit which has been correspondingly associated (column 17, lines 36-43).

Regarding claim 3, Shastry et al. further teach the method wherein abstracting, classifying, subdividing and uniquely associating are verified by one or more simulation runs (column 18, lines 17-37).

Regarding claims 4 and 5, Shastry et al. teach a system for implementation of requirements of telecommunication subscribers for services provided by a communications network, comprising: a first catalog of classes, in which each requirement can be associated with one class and a second catalog of technical functional units, in which each class is associated with one or more specific technical functional units wherein the classes are each subdivided into one or more subclasses and each of the subclasses are associated with one or more specific technical functional units (column 18, line 45 to column 19, line 46).

Regarding claims 6-10, see Figs. 29A-29D.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

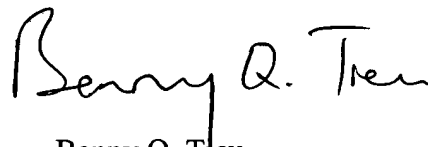
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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benny Q. Tieu whose telephone number is 571-272-7490. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday: 6:30AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on 571-272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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